

Patent
10/790,615REMARKS

Claims 14-27 are now pending in the application. Claims 28-33 have been canceled. Claims 14 and 21 are independent.

Claims 14-33 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over US Patent 6,704,493. The accompanying Terminal Disclaimer is believed to overcome this rejection. Reconsideration and withdrawal is accordingly requested.

Claims 28 and 33 were rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by US Patent 6,504,996 (Na et al.) and Claims 29-32 were under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Na in view of US Patent 5,864,649 (Shima). The cancellation of claims 28-33 renders each of these rejections moot. Accordingly, the rejections are traversed and reconsideration is requested.

It is respectfully submitted that the remaining claims are now in condition for allowance.

Should the Examiner be of the view that an interview would expedite consideration of this Amendment or of the application at large, request is made that the Examiner telephone the Applicants' attorney at (908) 518-7700 in order that any outstanding issues be resolved.

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